

# Borris Miles

## Biography

Borris L. Miles was first elected to serve as the State Representative for District 146 in November of 2006. He was re-elected in November 2010, and was sworn back into the House of Representatives in January 2011.

He is a lifelong resident of Houston; growing up in Sunnyside where he attended Jack Yates High School, Home of the Mighty LIONS! After high school, he received the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Criminal Science from Sam Houston State University.

A former law enforcement officer, Mr. Miles is a successful entrepreneur and businessman, owning and operating the third largest (and most successful) African-American independent insurance agency in the United States and the #1 African-American owned agency in Texas.

Started as a one-man operation in his garage apartment, today his company Borris L. Miles Insurance writes more than \$56 million dollars in insurance premiums annually.

Mr. Miles office is located in Houstons Third Ward on Almeda, where he purchased and renovated two city blocks and provides professional lease space to seven other minority-owned businesses and their employees.

Mr. Miles believes that by investing in his community, he is having a positive impact on the business and economic base of the area.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Mr. Miles is very active in his community.

Some of his civic and other affiliations include:

- City of Houston Affirmative Action Advisor Board, former member
- State of Texas Auto Theft Prevention Board, former member
- Urban League Board, former member
- United Negro College Fund, former board member
- Houston Sickle Cell Association, former board member
- 100 Black Men of Houston, founding member
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Life Member
- North Forest Scholarship, Endowment, Founder
- Sickle Cell Research, Endowment , Founder

Mr. Miles has also won and/or been recognized for numerous honors and awards.

- 2005 Houston Citizen Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Award Winner
- 2003 Houston Citizen Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Award Nominee
- 2003 YMCA Super Achievers Award
- 2002 Farmer Insurance Wall of Fame
- 1999 Farmers Insurance Leadership Award

However, Mr. Miles is most of proud of the award; Greatest Daddy in the World presented to him in 2005 by his children.

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